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1. WHILE EMBASSY/UNC WOULD HAVE PREFERRED THAT SUBJECT REPORT NOT BE RELEASED, IN VIEW FACT THAT ESSENTIAL PORTIONS ON CONTRACT RELATIONSHIPS AND ENVIRONMENT (CHAPTER 2) ARE ALREADY IN PUBLIC DOMAIN AND PROBABILITY OTHER POINTS AND PERHAPS WHOLE REPORT MOST LIKELY TO LEAK OUT, WE WILL NOT INTERPOSE OBJECTIONS AT THIS STAGE TO RELEASING PURELY REPORTING SECTIONS OF DOCUMENT.

2. WE HAVE RESERVATIONS ON OTHER HAND ABOUT RELEASING REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS, PARTICULARLY FIRST RECOMMENDATION TO WORK OUT AGREEMENTS WITH ROKG TO CONTRACT DIRECTLY WITH ROK FOR REQUIRED SUPPORT (PAGE 11). THIS PARTICULAR RECOMMENDATION WOULD CALL FOR SWEEPING CHANGE IN CONTRACTING PROCEDURE WHICH WE NOT CONVINCED EITHER FEASIBLE OR DESIRABLE, AND WE DO NOT BELIEVE PUBLIC EXPOSURE AND POSSIBLE DISCUSSION OF SUCH A RECOMMENDATION PRIOR TO INTERNAL AIRING WOULD BE USEFUL. OTHER REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS LARGELY RELATE TO INTERNAL CONTRACTING PROCEDURES WHICH NOT REALLY GERMANE TO PUBLIC DISCUSSION
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OF CONTRACTING PROBLEM AS IT HAS BEEN DESCRIBED IN U.S.

PRESS. ACCORDINGLY, WE URGE THAT IF REPORT MUST BE
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